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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : Li Xing and Robert C. Glen
TITLE : Method For Accurately Estimating P_{ka} Of
Molecules Using Atom Type Definitions And
Partial Least Squares
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Applicants respond to the above referenced Notice. Attached to this response on separate pages is a copy of the claims presently in the application with the status of each claim identified under the new rules. Claims 1 and 2 were amended in an earlier response before claims 1-3 were allowed. The revised notice regarding submission of claim amendments does not provide a status indicator for allowed claims which are included with new claims presented in an RCE. At the time of filing the RCE, it did not seem logical to identify allowed claims with the same status indicators used for the new claims since it might appear as if Applicants were requesting reconsideration of the allowed claims in further prosecution. Although

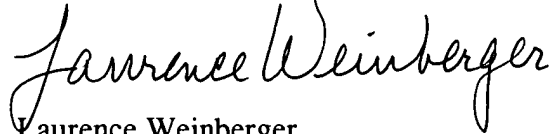
Applicants recognize that the Examiner may consider all claims during RCE prosecution, for the avoidance of any doubt, Applicants, by indicating the status of all claims, do not intend to request reconsideration of the allowed claims by the Examiner.

Applicants have timely filed along with this Response a request for extension of time to respond to the Notice and have included the appropriate extension fee.

Finally, Applicants respectfully request the examiner to allow all the claims and pass the application to issue.

November 12, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurence Weinberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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